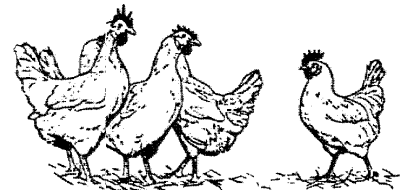


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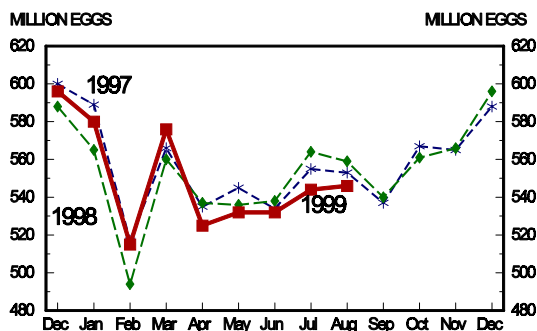
CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during August totaled 546 million, 4.00 million more than last month, but 13.0 million less than last August. The total number of layers during the month averaged 24.8 million, the same as last August. Eggs per 100 layers during the month averaged 2,198 compared to 2,197 last month and 2,253 in August 1998.

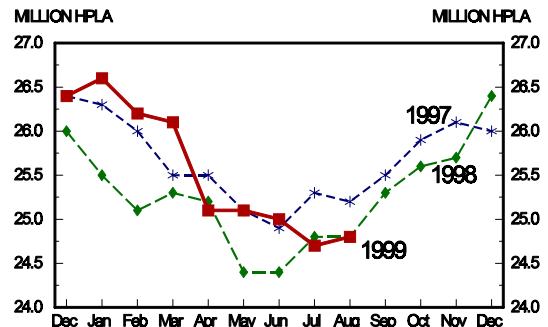
U.S. AUGUST EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 6.96 billion during August 1999, up 4 percent from the 6.69 billion produced in 1998. Production included 5.87 billion table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 65.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 1999 averaged 320 million, up 3 percent from the total average number of layers during August 1998. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,175 eggs, up fractionally from 2,165 eggs in August 1998. All layers in the U.S. on September 1, 1999 totaled 321 million, up 4 percent from a year ago. The 321 million layers consisted of 263 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 55.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.68 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 1999 averaged 71.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from the 69.3 a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER, 1997-1999



AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER, 1997-1999



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING AUGUST, FORCED MOLTING AS OF SEPTEMBER 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	11,015	10,796	1,888	1,908	208	206	3.5	1.5	11.5	11.5
Arkansas	14,554	15,173	1,814	1,931	264	293	2.5	1.0	8.5	11.0
California	24,815	24,845	2,253	2,198	559	546	7.5	6.5	32.5	41.5
Georgia	21,022	20,386	2,007	2,046	422	417	5.0	3.5	19.0	17.0
Indiana	21,823	21,885	2,314	2,262	505	495	4.0	2.5	33.5	28.5
Iowa	23,035	26,114	2,210	2,240	509	585	5.0	3.5	34.0	28.0
North Carolina	11,209	11,058	1,882	1,926	211	213	3.0	2.5	8.0	9.5
Ohio	27,529	30,673	2,223	2,269	612	696	2.5	2.0	13.0	13.5
Pennsylvania	21,564	22,395	2,328	2,286	502	512	3.5	6.0	18.0	21.0
Texas	16,817	17,029	2,188	2,196	368	374	3.0	12.0	24.0	22.0
United States	309,251	320,024	2,165	2,175	6,694	6,961	4.1	4.5	21.9	22.3

U.S. BROILER HATCH UP 4 PERCENT

The August 1999 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 741 million, was up 4 percent from August of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 620 million on September 1, 1999, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.67 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 1999. This was up 8 percent from August 1998.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, AUGUST

State	1998	1999	$\frac{1999}{1998}$
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Alabama	94,773	98,573	104
Arkansas	101,117	107,813	107
Delaware	16,074	16,111	100
Florida	8,922	9,635	108
Georgia	109,634	111,909	102
Maryland	31,872	30,655	96
Mississippi	63,382	65,706	104
North Carolina	62,642	63,624	102
Pennsylvania	12,507	12,634	101
South Carolina	14,998	16,628	111
Texas	45,648	47,585	104
Virginia	24,228	24,400	101
California, West Virginia & Tennessee	38,655	40,334	104
Other States ^{1/}	91,198	95,646	105
UNITED STATES	715,650	741,253	104

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP 6 PERCENT

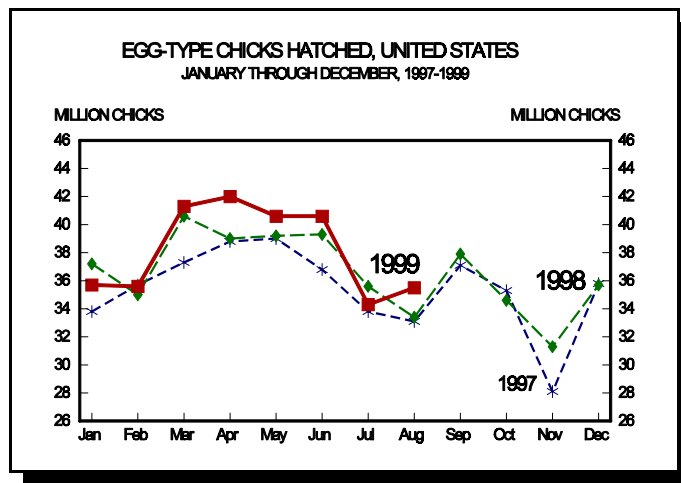
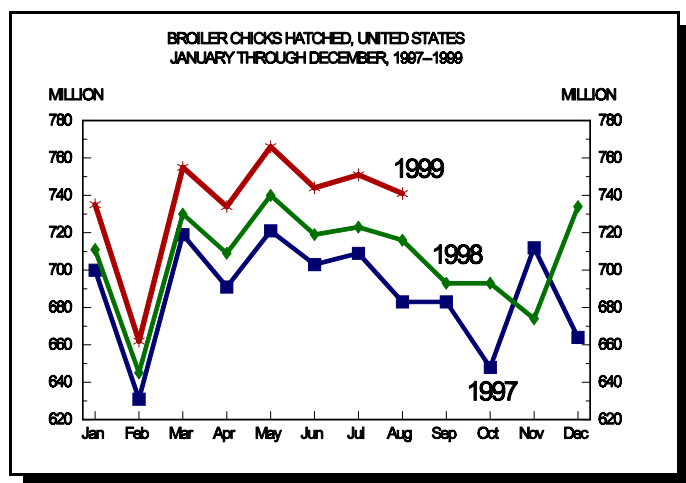
Egg-type chicks hatched during August totaled 35.5 million, up 6 percent from August 1998. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.3 million on September 1, 1999, up 6 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 318 thousand during August 1999. This was up 72 percent from August 1998.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, AUGUST

State	1998	1999	$\frac{1999}{1998}$
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Arkansas	784	813	104
Florida	728	1,070	147
Georgia	2,017	2,019	100
Indiana	6,206	6,259	101
Iowa	4,676	4,276	91
Kansas	276	370	134
Minnesota	1,621	1,422	88
Missouri	336	336	100
Pennsylvania	3,953	4,612	117
Other States ^{1/}	12,783	14,276	112
UNITED STATES	33,380	35,453	106

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.



U.S. EGGS IN INCUBATORS, SEPTEMBER 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	1998	1999	$\frac{1999}{1998}$	1998	1999	$\frac{1999}{1998}$
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
North Atlantic	12,284	12,285	100	6,838	6,250	91
East North Central	8,407	8,672	103	7,908	9,033	114
West North Central	23,439	20,713	88	5,854	5,669	97
South Atlantic	230,817	232,115	101	4,739	5,198	110
South Central	307,809	321,208	104	3,503	4,512	129
West	24,453	24,588	101	4,418	4,642	105
UNITED STATES	607,209	619,581	102	33,260	35,304	106

QUARTERLY LAYERS & EGG PRODUCTION - JUNE THROUGH AUGUST

Geographic Division	Average Number Of Layers On Hand			Total Eggs Produced		
	1998	1999	1999/1998	1998	1999	1999/1998
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Alabama	10,971	10,749	98	616	616	100
Arkansas	14,625	15,268	104	798	876	110
California	24,649	24,855	101	1,661	1,620	98
Georgia	21,093	20,701	98	1,250	1,258	101
Indiana	21,616	21,997	102	1,493	1,484	99
Iowa	23,124	25,882	112	1,521	1,692	111
North Carolina	11,258	11,184	99	642	638	99
Ohio	27,728	30,513	110	1,831	2,061	113
Pennsylvania	21,589	22,431	104	1,484	1,504	101
Texas	16,756	17,165	102	1,051	1,112	106
United States	291,502	319,969	110	18,771	20,598	110

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average August prices received by California producers, when compared to July average prices, increased 2 cents per pound for turkeys. Prices also increased for market eggs by 9.6 cents per dozen.

Nationally, August average prices received by producers increased 1.3 cents per pound for turkeys, but decreased 1.9 cents per pound for broilers. Prices increased 2.1 cents per dozen for market eggs.

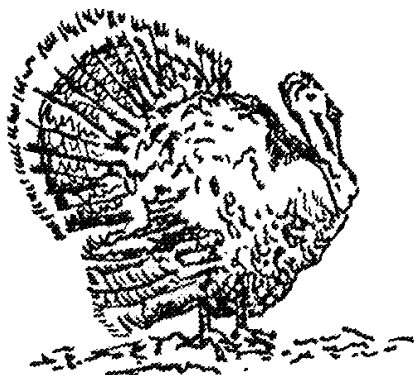
POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS, COMPARISONS 1/

Commodity	Unit	August 1998	July 15, 1999	August 15, 1999
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Chickens-Broilers <u>2/</u>	Lb.	46.0	---	---
Market Eggs <u>3/</u>	Doz.	55.0	34.0	43.6
Turkeys	Lb.	40.0	44.0	46.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	46.9	38.1	36.2
Market Eggs <u>3/</u>	Doz.	51.4	39.9	42.0
Turkeys	Lb.	38.8	41.8	43.1

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ California broiler prices published annually starting in May 1999.

3/ Average for market (table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.



U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on September 1, 1999 in the United States totaled 28.7 million, up 6 percent from September 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were down 10 percent from the August 1 total of 31.9 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, up 2 percent; West North Central, up 6 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 5 percent; South Central, up 6 percent; and West, up 30 percent.

The 24.8 million poults placed during August 1999 in the United States were up 1 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 7 percent from the July total of 26.8 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, up 2 percent; West North Central, up 8 percent; North and South Atlantic, unchanged; South Central, down 2 percent; and West, down 15 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators September 1		1999 1998	Poults Placed during Aug. 1/		1999 1998
	1998	1999		1998	1999	
	Thousands	Thousands	Pct.	Thousands	Thousands	Pct.
E N Central	4,540	4,621	102	3,569	3,639	102
W N Central	8,710	9,203	106	7,813	8,472	108
N & S Atlantic	8,837	9,243	105	7,854	7,883	100
S Central	3,006	3,183	106	2,647	2,588	98
West	1,876	2,437	130	2,567	2,173	85
U.S.	26,969	28,687	106	24,450	24,755	101

1/ Excludes exported poults.

TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 1/ 2/

Month	Total All Breeds		98-99 97-98	Cumulative Total		98-99 97-98
	1997-98	1998-99		1997-98	1998-99	
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Sept.	23,907	21,124	88	23,907	21,124	88
Oct.	24,587	22,749	93	48,494	43,873	90
Nov.	23,281	22,167	95	71,775	66,040	92
Dec.	25,711	24,985	97	97,486	91,025	93
Jan.	26,240	24,590	94	123,726	115,615	93
Feb.	25,093	23,722	95	148,819	139,337	94
Mar.	26,362	25,917	98	175,181	165,254	94
Apr.	25,747	26,817	104	200,928	192,071	96
May	25,677	26,097	102	226,605	218,168	96
June	26,957	25,621	95	253,562	243,789	96
July	26,247	26,755	102	279,809	270,544	97
Aug.	24,450	24,755	101	304,259	295,299	97

1/ Data for 1999 includes revisions published in "Hatchery Production 1999 Summary".

2/ Excludes exported poults.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	August 31, 1998	July 31, 1999 <u>1/</u>	August 31, 1999	<u>Aug. 1999</u> Aug. 1998	<u>Aug. 1999</u> July 1999
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	123,440	104,027	105,016	85	101
Chickens	Lbs.	29,266	52,995	47,892	164	90
Ducks	Lbs.	1,095	188	211	19	112
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	153,801	157,210	153,119	100	97
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	706,827	599,013	578,072	82	97
Chickens	Lbs.	566,002	939,768	850,357	150	90
Ducks	Lbs.	5,597	5,335	5,238	94	98
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,278,426	1,544,116	1,433,667	112	93
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	8,993	11,132	8,778	98	79

^{1/} Revised.